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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

Title: Permanency Innovations Initiative Evaluation: Phase 2

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Description: The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) intends to collect data for an evaluation of the Permanency Innovations Initiative (PII). This 5-year initiative, funded by the Children's Bureau (CB) within ACF, is intended to build the evidence base for innovative interventions that enhance well-being and improve permanency outcomes for particular groups of children and youth who are at risk for long-term foster care and who experience the most serious barriers to timely permanency.

The CB has funded six grantees to identify local barriers to permanent placement and implement innovative strategies that mitigate or eliminate those barriers and reduce the likelihood that children will remain in foster care for three years or longer. The first year of the initiative focused on clarifying grantees' target populations and intervention programs. In addition, evaluation plans were developed to support rigorous site-specific and cross-site studies to document the implementation and effectiveness of the grantees' projects and the initiative overall.

Data collection for the PII evaluation includes a number of components being launched at different points in time. Phase 1 included data collection for a cross-site implementation

evaluation and site-specific evaluations of two PII grantees (Washoe County, Nevada, and the State of Kansas). Phase 1 data collection was approved August 2012 (OMB# 0970-0408).

The second phase includes site-specific evaluations of four PII grantees expected to implement interventions in the third year of the PII grant period. The four grantees are Arizona Department of Economic Security (ADES); California Department of Social Services' California Partnership for Permanency (CAPP); Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS); and the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Center's Recognize Intervene Support Empower (RISE). Later submission for a cost study is planned for late Spring 2013, with data collection to begin in late Fall 2013.

Data for the evaluations will be collected through: (1) surveys of children, youth, foster parents, guardians, biological parents, and caseworkers; and (2) document reviews of case records.

Respondents: Children/youth and their parents or permanent or foster caregivers, caseworkers.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument Total	Annual Number of Respondents	Number of Responses Per Respondent	Average Burden Hours Per Response
ADES:			
Child Assent Form, Child Assent Script 115	383	1.0	0.3

Child/Youth Interview 383	383	2.0	0.5
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Caseworker Prospective-Homes- Found Consent Information Sheet 7	72	1.0	0.1
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Caseworker Interview Prospective-Homes- Found 22	72	1.0	0.3
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Caseworker Decision-Making Consent Information Sheet 7	72	1.0	0.1
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Caseworker Interview Decision-Making 36	72	1.0	0.5
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ADES annual burden hours 570			
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CAPP:			
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Parent/Guardian Interview 179	597	1.0	0.3
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Caseworker Data Extraction 149	298	1.0	0.5
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CAPP annual burden hours
328

DCFS:

Biological Parent Consent 13	134	1.0	0.1
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Foster Parent Consent 24	240	1.0	0.1
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Youth Assent 24	240	1.0	0.1
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Biological Parent Interview 80	134	2.0	0.3
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Foster Parent Interview 384	240	2.0	0.8
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Youth Interview 384	240	2.0	0.8
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DCFS annual burden hours
909

RISE:

Staff Consent 400	2,000	2.0	0.1
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Staff Survey 800	2,000	2.0	0.2
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<hr/> Youth Assent to Learn about the Study 8	27	1	0.3
<hr/> Youth Assent to Participate in the Study 8	27	1	0.3
<hr/> Child Attorney Consent 5	27	1	0.2
<hr/> Youth Interview 135	27	5	1.0
<hr/> Qualitative Youth Interview FAQ/Assent 1	7	1	0.2
<hr/> Youth Qualitative Interview 7	7	1	1.0
<hr/> Permanency Resource/Current Caregiver FAQ/Contact Consent 1	13	1	0.1
<hr/> Permanency Resource/Current Caregiver Consent 1	13	1	0.1
<hr/> Interview with Permanency Resource 59	13	5	0.9

Interview with Current Caregiver 33	13	5	0.5
Survey of CCT Facilitators Emotional Permanency Survey 1	1	5	0.2
RISE annual burden hours 1,459			
OVERALL ANNUAL BURDEN HOURS 3,266			

In compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Administration for Children and Families is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described above.

Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained and comments may be forwarded by writing to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW., Washington, DC 20447, Attn: OPRE Reports Clearance Officer. E-mail address: OPREinfocollection@acf.hhs.gov. All requests should be identified by the title of the information collection.

The Department specifically requests comments on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden

of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted within 60 days of this publication.

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